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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

RISSANEN, JUSSI

Examiner

Tu X Nguyen

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### Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 8, 10-11, 13, 15, 17, 19-21, 24, 26, 28-29, 31, 33, 35, 37-39, 41-42 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22, 23, 25, 27, 30, 32, 34, 36, 40 and 43-56 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19-21, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37-39, 41 and 42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 and 41-42, have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
2. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-4, 8, 11, 13, 17, 19-20, 26, 29, 31, 35, 37-38 and 41-42 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable by Mankoff (US Patent 6,385,591) and further in view of McMahon et al. (US Patent 5,789,732).

Regarding claims 1-4 8, 13, 17, 19, 26, 31, 35, 37 and 41-42, Mankoff discloses an electronic couponing method comprising the steps of:

wirelessly transferring (see col.2 lines 3-5) coupon information including a coupon identification number (see col.5 lines 38-40) to a first portable terminal and storing (see col.4 lines 18-36) the coupon information therein, said coupon information

entitles the carrier of the coupon information to a discount on the purchase of goods and/or services (see fig.3);

displaying (see abstract) a representation of the transferred coupon information on the first portable terminal; and

wirelessly transferring at least part of the stored coupon information including the coupon ID number from the first portable terminal to another terminal (see col.4 lines 37-40); and

validating in another terminal the transferred coupon information; and if the coupon information is validated, calculating the discount provided by the coupon information to the purchase of goods and/or services (see col.5 lines 40-46).

Mankoff fails to disclose "wirelessly pushing coupon information", "a coupon matching that compare the stored coupon of promotions in effect at a retail outlet when entered" and "wireless transferring at least part of the stored coupon information corresponding to granted discounts on goods and service resulting from said coupon matching".

In the same field of endeavor for coupon redemption, McMahon et al. disclose "wirelessly pushing coupon information" (see col.4 lines 20-22), "a coupon matching that compare the stored coupon of promotions (see col.3 lines 10-15) in effect at a retail outlet when entered" (see col.4 lines 30-32) and "wireless transferring at least part of the stored coupon information corresponding to granted discounts on goods and service resulting from said coupon matching" (see col.4 lines 32-33). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to

modify the system of Mankoff with the above teaching of McMahon et al. in order to provide a marketing campaign to save customer time by automatically instead of manually search for coupon for redemption.

Regarding claims 7-8, the modified Mankoff discloses the coupon information is transferred from the internet via a wireless link (see Mankoff, col.3 lines 25-37 and col.5 lines 6-19).

Regarding claims 11, 17, 29 and 38, the modified Mankoff discloses at least part of the stored coupon information is transferred from the portable terminal to another terminal via an infrared link (see Mainkoff, col.3 lines 25-26).

Regarding claims 18-20, the modified Mankoff fails to disclose the stored coupon information is transferred from the first portable terminal to a second portable terminal via the internet via a wireless link (see McMahon et al., col.1 lines 30-35 and col.2 lines 59-60).

5. Claims 6, 10, 15, 21, 24, 28, 33 and 39, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mankoff, in view of McMahon et al. and further in view of Souissi et al. (US Patent 6,327,300).

Regarding claims 6, 10, 15, 21, 24, 28, 33 and 39, the modified Mankoff fails to disclose a bluetooth radio link.

Souissi et al. disclose wherein it is advantageous to include a bluetooth radio link (see col.1 lines 11-21). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system the modified Mankoff with the

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above teaching of Souissi et al. in order to transfer data in short range between mobile station and desktop computer for the purpose of universal short-range radio link peripheral interface.

### Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-3427. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MAUNG NAY A, can be reached at (703) 308-7749.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office at (703) 306-0377.

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